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1. **PALESTINE:** Outlook at Lausanne not hopeful--Paul Porter, US representative on the Palestine Conciliation Commission (PCC) at Lausanne, reports that he can find little reason for hoping that the resumed Arab-Israeli negotiations will produce an agreed settlement of the Palestine issue. Pointing out that the delegates are apparently willing to continue "endless and aimless discussions," Porter believes that the PCC should be prepared to make equitable proposals to Arabs and Israelis. Porter therefore requests that the Department of State send him specific instructions on such matters as territorial boundaries and the refugee problem.

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